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Addendum

Follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

1. At its 8th meeting, on 21 May 2015, the Commission considered agenda item 8, entitled "Follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice".

2. For its consideration of the item, the Commission had before it the following:

(a) Note by the Secretariat on the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/CN.15/2015/7);

(b) Report of the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (A/CONF.222/17).

3. An introductory statement was made by the officer-in-charge of the Division for Treaty Affairs of UNODC.

4. Statements were made by the representatives of Qatar, Thailand, Japan, Canada, the United States and China. The observer for Finland also made a statement.

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Deliberations

5. Gratitude was expressed by all speakers to the Government of Qatar for hosting the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. Speakers commended UNODC for its efforts in preparing and servicing the Congress. Many speakers welcomed the contributions of the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, as well as the contributions of experts and non-governmental organizations involved in the ancillary meetings. All speakers expressed appreciation to the Government of Japan for its offer to host the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in 2020.

6. Many speakers noted that the Thirteenth Congress was a Congress of many "firsts", and welcomed its forward-looking outcome: the Doha Declaration on Integrating Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice into the Wider United Nations Agenda to Address Social and Economic Challenges and to Promote the Rule of Law at the National and International Levels, and Public Participation.[1]

7. The representative of Qatar highlighted the commitment of Qatar to closely working with UNODC to ensure a proper follow-up to and implementation of the Doha Declaration.

8. Speakers discussed issues related to the organization of the Thirteenth Congress and ways to improve preparations for future congresses, including by adopting a concise and focused declaration and examining the duration of the congresses. Speakers welcomed the successful completion of negotiations on the Doha Declaration in Vienna, prior to the opening of the Thirteenth Congress, and noted that this practice should be replicated for future congresses.

9. Speakers also welcomed the organization of the high-level segment at the beginning of the Thirteenth Congress, as well as the sequencing of topics and workshops. It was recommended to organize a follow-up expert group meeting on the lessons learned, similar to the meeting of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Lessons Learned from United Nations Congresses on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, held in Bangkok from 15 to 18 August 2006 and convened by the Government of Thailand, which had hosted the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

[1] A/CONF.222/17, chap. I, resolution 1.